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PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *October 14, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the regular quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended October 12, 1901.

During the week 1 vessel was inspected and passed and 2 bills of health were issued.

The weather has been very rainy, keeping some streets in a half-flooded condition and giving others a much-needed washing. A very notable increase of mosquitoes always follows these rainy periods.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING.

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended October 12, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *October 15, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 12, 1901: October 8, American steamship *Maracaibo*, from Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, La Guayra, with 3 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TURKEY.

*Confirming report of a case of plague in Smyrna.*SMYRNA, TURKEY, *September 28, 1901.*

SIR: I have to confirm my telegram of even date advising the Department of the existence in Smyrna of a case of bubonic plague. The case has been under observation for one week, but was not officially confirmed until to-day.

I have to inform the Department that large quantities of dried fruit, packed by hand, are constantly being shipped from this port to the United States.

Respectfully,

RUFUS W. LANE,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended October 11, 1901. Estimated population, 1,232. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Governors Harbor.—Two weeks ended October 11, 1901. Estimated population, 1,375. One death and no contagious diseases.